

BIG INCREASE.

Salt Mackerel Receipts Largest for Fifteen Years.

Nearly 75,000 Barrels Have Been Landed Thus Far.

Thirty-seven arrivals from the mackerel fleet have landed during the past week, 5416 bbls. salt mackerel. They were practically all fish counting about 175 to the barrel, and caught principally on the coast of Maine, although a number of good trips were landed which were caught in Boston Bay.

A total of 5101 barrels of salt mackerel were landed at this port this week.

The corresponding week in 1899, the shore catch was 790 bbls., comprising the catch of 10 vessels. Sales were made ex-vessel at \$17.50 per bbl. for fish counting about 350, and \$30 for large, counting 150.

Receipts of fresh mackerel this week have been light, as most of the vessels are salting their catches. Owing to the light receipts the price advanced to 10c each for medium and 20c for large. The medium fish are what would have been called large fish in former years. The bluefish are keeping the mackerel out of the traps on Cape Cod, and the receipts from there are extremely light. A few spike mackerel are coming in from the shore traps, which sell at about \$3 per bbl.

The receipts of foreign salt mackerel are all from Canada comprising 3s, counting about 300 to a barrel, and are mostly sold to arrive. They are quoted at \$9 per bbl. for plain and \$9.25 for rimmed. Mackerel fishing in Nova Scotia recently has been very light. Advices from Prince Edward Island state that no mackerel of any account are being caught, although there is some fish in the bay, but the fishermen are not prepared for mackerel fishing, and the catch is expected to be light. It is reported that curing of mackerel has commenced in Ireland, but the situation on this side does not offer much encouragement.

The salt catch of the New England fleet to date is about 75,000 barrels against 13,214 barrels to date in 1899. This is the largest catch since 1885.

The receipts of fresh mackerel at Boston to date are 47,000 barrels.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 7459 barrels.

For the week ending to-day the receipts of Irish mackerel were 210 barrels.

The fare of sch. Margaret Mather sold to Fred Bradley at \$10 and \$9 per bbl. for rimmed and plain.

The fare of sch. Ellen F. Gleason sold to R. H. Levin of Philadelphia for a lump sum.

The fare of sch. Miranda sold to Slade Gorton & Co., at the same figures.

A Banded Mackerel.

Among the mackerel which sch. Lizzie M. Stanwood, Capt. George Moody, brought in on Thursday was one with a rubber band around it.

The fish was caught in with quite a large school and the band was about its body quite a ways back of the gills. The flesh had grown out around but not over the band, but the fish was apparently healthy and measured 13 inches in length.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Margaret Mather, Maine Coast, 300 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Kentucky, Maine Coast, 254 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Elenora, Maine Coast, 185 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Carrie C., Maine Coast, 173 bbls. salt mackerel.

Steamer Water Witch, 2000 lbs. pollock. Lanesville boats, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Oregon, halibuting.

Sch. Reporter, seining.

Sch. Sarah E. Lee, seining.

Sch. Olga, seining.

Sch. Bertha M. Miller, seining.

Sch. Senator, halibuting.

To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3 1-2 per cwt., medium do., \$2 1-2; large trawl Georges, \$3 1-4, medium do., \$2 3-8; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3 1-4; medium do., \$2 3-8; large trawl bank cod, \$2; medium do., \$1 1-2; large dory handline cod, \$2 1-2, medium do., \$2.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$1.80; medium do., \$1.20; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.15; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large, \$2.50 for medium and \$1.50 for snappers.

Outside sales dory handline cod, \$2.85 per cwt. for large and \$2.25 for medium.

Outside sale of Bank cod, \$2.40 per cwt. for large, \$1.90 for medium.

Bank halibut, 10 and 5 1-2 cents per lb for white and gray.

Georges halibut, 11 cents per lb. for white and 8 cents for gray.

Fresh mackerel 20 and 10 cents apiece.

Salt mackerel \$11 per bbl. for rimmed and \$10 per bbl. for plain.

Boston.

Sept. 8.—No arrivals.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

At Lanesville Friday, 5000 pounds of pollock were landed, selling to Nagle & Co. at 65 cents per hundred weight.

Rockport.

Steamer Water Witch landed 2000 pounds of pollock Friday.

Good Stock.

Sch. Addison Center of Provincetown, Capt. Caton, stocked \$3700 on her recent salt cod fish trip. The crew shared \$137 each. The Center will now fit for fresh fishing.

TO MEET SOON.

Directors of Gloucester Fresh Fish Co. to Get Together.

Anxious to Hear the Report of Their Committee.

As was exclusively stated in Thursday TIMES, the question of having the fresh fish business on a sound and stable basis this fall and coming winter is receiving a good deal of attention from the directors of the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company and vessel owners.

Important steps will soon be taken in the matter and it is certain that an earnest effort will be made to make the fresh fish business what it should be.

The directors are evincing a keen interest in the work of their sub-committee to secure signers to the new agreement and a meeting of the board will probably be held Monday evening, when the whole matter will be full and freely discussed.

Former Fishing Schooner Burned.

Sch. Lizzie Smith, of Rockland, Me., a former fishing schooner belonging at Provincetown, while bound from Rockland for New York with a cargo of lime, ran ashore on the Shovelful shoal, off Chatham, on Sunday night, and vessel and cargo were a total loss.

The crew remained on board the schooner until after daylight, when they were taken off by the crew of the Monomoy life saving station.

While beating up the channel, off Monomoy on the port tack, another schooner to the windward prevented the Smith from tacking, and to avoid a collision the Smith was kept on her course and brought up hard and fast on the shoal. As the tide flowed the next morning she strained badly and soon caught fire. When last seen she was a mass of flames.

The vessel carried 1400 barrels of lime, and was owned by Capt. Lane and his brother.

Mackerel News.

Good catches of mackerel continue to be made in St. Margaret's Bay and along the western shore of Halifax county. Nets, seines and traps do equally well, and large numbers are taken by the hook. The fish are fat mediums, and are sold in Halifax at \$3 per salted barrel. This steady run of mackerel will help the fishermen out immensely, and good times are anticipated.

An unusual thing is the netting of fall mackerel in considerable numbers at Stoney Island, N. S., and in Barrington, East Bay. The first catches were made last week, and varied from 100 to 50 per man. They are large mediums and very fat. In former years, only a few stragglers were netted there. Now the run opens more promising. We may yet share the good fortune of the eastern fishermen.—Coast Guard.